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SUBJECT: SPACE AGREEMENT--JOINT SPACE BIOLOGY EXPERIMENTS

1. DRS. F.C. STEWARD AND A. KRIKORIAN, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT STONYBROOK, PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS FOR NASA CARROT CELL CULTURE EXPERIMENT TO BE FLOWN ON NEXT SOVIET BIOLOGICAL SATELLITE, ARE SCHEDULED ATTEND INTERNATIONAL BOTANICAL CONGRESS (ALREADY IN PROGRESS) IN LENINGRAD JULY 2-10.

2. NASA CONSIDERS IT HIGHLY DESIRABLE FOR STEWARD AND KRIKORIAN TO FLY TO MOSCOW AT END OF CONGRESS ON JULY 11 TO MEET WITH KURSANOV, BUTENKO, AND DMITRIEVA OF INSTITUTE OF PLANT PHYSIOLOGY RE RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CARROT CELL CULTURE EXPERIMENT.

3. STEWARD, HIS WIFE, AND KRIKORIAN HAVE RECEIVED SOVIET VISAS FOR LENINGRAD BUT WERE NOT ABLE GET THEM FOR MOSCOW. MATTER RAISED WITH PROFESSOR GAZENKO, DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTE OF BIOMEDICAL PROBLEMS, WHO INDICATED SOVIETS READY TO RECEIVE STEWARD AND KRIKORIAN IN MOSCOW.

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4. NASA WOULD APPRECIATE SCICOUN CONTACTING VERESHCHETIN
INTERKOSMOS, RE EXTENSION OF VISAS TO COVER MOSCOW VISIT FOR
STEWARD PARTY. THEIR HOTEL IN LENINGRAD WILL NOT BE ASSIGN-
ED UNTIL AFTER ARRIVAL, BUT THEY WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH US
CONSULATE. THEY ARE PRESENTLY PLANNING ARRIVE MOSCOW ON

SU 246 AT 11:35 AM JULY 11 AND DEPART MOSCOW ON JULY 16
FOR LONDON ON BA 991 AT 5:30 PM. INGERSOLL

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